

Bible Study: Study the Mass readings Sunday mornings 10:00-10:45 (except when we have 10:00 Mass).
Rosary: Join our English/Spanish/Igbo Rosary Mondays via Zoom from 7-7:45 p.m. To join, check our Facebook page, see Pedro, or call the office.
Fr. Gabe's Bible Study Thursdays 7pm.
 Contact livmarks@aol.com for the link.
First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, and Night Prayer 6:30-8pm
Men's & Women's Group 2nd Tuesday of the month in the parish hall (changed to Thursday for November)
Prayer Group After Mass the 1st Sunday of the month
Potluck Social After Mass the last Sunday of the month
Parish Council 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm

Sacraments

Baptism: Call Carmen at 716-847-1463. Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal class. We baptize children at Mass to welcome them to our community!
Reconciliation: During 1st Friday Adoration, or 1st Saturday of the month, 3:00-3:45: or call the office to make an appointment.
Confirmation/First Communion/RCIA: Please contact Deacon Jerry.
Weddings: Appointment with a priest/deacon should be made at least six months before desired date. *Engaged couples must attend a pre-nuptial instruction class.*
Funerals: Please have the funeral director call Fr. Aaron before any arrangements are finalized.
Anointing: please call Fr. Aaron to arrange. In case of emergency, please tell the hospital to call their Catholic chaplain. Because of privacy regulations, institutions no longer notify us when a parishioner is in the hospital, so call the office to arrange sick calls or to be added to our prayer list.
Ordination: Interested in becoming a deacon? See Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? See Br. Jason.

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 Carol Vance and Sandy Villa
 9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463,
 11 a.m. Sandy Villa 716-885-6706



Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. (Spanish/Español)
 11 a.m.
Last Sunday of Month: 10 a.m. (bilingual)
Holy Days: 7 p.m. (Bilingual)

December 23 & 24, 2023
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)
Buffalo, NY 14204
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716-852-3331

Pastor of Family 21: Fr. Joe Rogliano
Parochial Vicars: Fr. Bob Gebhard
 Fr. Jud Weiksnar, ofm
 Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm
Deacons: Mr. Jerry Hodson
 Br. Jason Damon, ofm
In residence: Br. Tim Dauenhauer, ofm
In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

NEW BEGINNINGS. A TIME TO FIND A HOME. A TIME TO COME BACK.

Ss. Columba-Brigid Church extends a welcome to:
 Families of 15 or those who are single and alone, under 30 or as old as Methu-
 selah himself, gay, filthy rich or poor as dirt, no habla Ingles or Black and
 proud, Zen meditators or screaming babies, tourists of the generation Buffalo-
 nians, liberated females or macho men, computer geniuses or bad spellers,
 home bound or a part of the "jet set" doubters and seekers or those who are
 more Catholic than the Pope, workaholics or bleedings hearts—**OH AND YOU!**

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PARISH COUNCIL: Meets the Third Tuesday of each month @7 pm All parish members are invited

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We the church of Ss. Columba-Brigid are a welcoming, inclusive, multicultural Catholic community inspired by the Holy Spirit to celebrate the Risen Christ in how we worship, love our neighbors, care for God's creation and work for justice in our daily lives.

Nosotros, la iglesia de San Columba-Santa Brígida, somos una comunidad católica acogedora, inclusiva y multicultural inspirada por el Espíritu Santo para celebrar a Cristo Resucitado en la forma en que adoramos, amamos a nuestro prójimo, cuidamos de la creación de Dios y trabajamos por la justicia en nuestra vida diaria.

Electronic Giving: You can donate electronically at our website through tithe.ly. Just go to sscolumbabrigid.org and click on the "donate" button. Or go to our Facebook page and click on the "donate" button. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our church!

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December 23 & 24, 2023 Forth Sunday of Advent

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in remembrance of the deceased members of the Heinz & Hunt Families by Paula Hunt

Saturday, December 23, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Dennis Hunt by Sue Jagosh

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:00 a.m. +Fr. Joseph Gariolo by Paula Hunt

11:00 a.m. +For parishioners of Family 21

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Bilingual with Posadas

Special Intentions for the parishioners of Family 21

Monday, December 25, 2023 Christmas English

10:00 a.m. +Juan B. Irizarry, Leonard V. Kruska, Encarnacion Irizarry-Cruz by Luz Morales

Saturday, December 30, 2023

4:00 p.m. For the parishioners of Family 21

Sunday, December 31, 2023 Bilingual

10:00 a.m. For the parishioners of Family 21
NO potluck social

11:00 p.m. Vigil for Mary, the Mother of God. English Quiet mass-no music. Reception to follow— please bring finger foods to share.

Monday January 1, 2024

10:00 a.m. Quiet Mass Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$3,208.33 with \$717.00 for HOPE/Outreach, \$109.00 Capital Improvement. *We understand if you can't give at this time due to financial hardship. Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

Upcoming Events

Snow Mass will be on the first day of at least 6 in of snow at 6pm in the Sister Karen Garden. Let's welcome the winter season in prayer.

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY.....

Saturday, December 30th SSCB youth and their families are invited to come sing their favorite songs of the Christmas Season! Families will meet directly at the facilities. Christmas attire and hand-held instruments are most welcome!

11am at High Pointe Medical Clinic

1031 Michigan Ave. Buffalo 14203

2:30 Terrace View Long Term Care

462 Grider St. Buffalo 14215.

Pizza, beverages and cookies will be provided at SSCB church in between our visits.

To sign up or for more information, contact Donna Emminger at (716) 275-3005. Hope to see you there.

First Friday Adoration will be January 5th.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Night Prayer. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

House Blessing Jan. 6th. Feast of Three Kings

The clergy and other ministers from Family 21 will be dressed like (Burger) Kings, visiting and blessing homes within 10 miles of the parish boundaries. Please see signup sheet in the vestibule.

Kids Night Under the Dome at OLV National Shrine & Basilica

(767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna) on Saturday, January 6 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Families are encouraged to bring their kids to experience the dome of the beautiful Basilica. Bring a blanket/sleeping bag and wear your comfy clothes/pajamas to lie on the floor under the magnificent dome. See the story of the Magi come to life and experience the amazing Saint John's Bible up close. There will be kid-friendly activities and pizza, snacks, and hot chocolate. This is a free family event!

Calling all Chefs! Our chili cook-off will be Sunday, January 14th at 12:30 in the parish hall. For \$5 you get three tasting, additional tasting \$1 apiece and the opportunity to vote for your favorite bowl. A prize will go to the top vote getter! See the sign up sheet in the vestibule.

Diocesan Annual Mass in Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – “Called by Name to Serve”

Sunday, January 21 here at SSCB

Prelude at 9:45am, Mass at 10 am. Bishop Michael Fisher will celebrate the Mass with Msgr. Ray East giving the homily.

The Martin Luther King and Lenhard Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Mass.

A reception featuring a basket raffle and 50/50 split raffle will be held following the Mass.

To donate finger foods for the reception and/or theme baskets for the raffle which raises funds for the MLK Scholarship, contact the Office of Cultural Diversity at 716-847-2216.

Our Food Pantry monthly request for December is **cereal and canned soups and fruits**. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring your food donations to Mass.

Please pray for:

Knox Christie, Pat & Joanne Montemarano,
Ronnie Dillard, Dennis Adams,
Fr. Vincent Becker,
Ruth Kennedy, Fr. James O'Connor,
Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo,
Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado,
Steve Polichette, Dick Baldwin, Pauline Steward, Dollie Seymour, Ismael Ortiz,
John Schroeder, Mollie Barajas (cousin of Fr. Aaron), Shayla, Joy Muzzy, Robbie & Oscar, Sheila Ayala,
Linda Coleman, Sr. Donna Anthony, Casey, Shawn, Lucas and Ana Morales.

Call the office to add a name, or to include it in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Christmas Blessings from Fr. Bob

As we are eager to replay our best Christmas traditions, some unique, some common to us all... As our plans are set and hopeful for happening... As cookies are cut and pastries come fresh from the oven... As trees are trimmed, boughs ready to blanket brightly wrapped packages... As “family” finds renewed and new meaning in the bonds that make us... we can feel the Love in the air! As we are giving birth to so much joy and goodness by our individual doings, we reverence The Birth that kindles it all.... of a child born to us, a son given us, who is Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace, LOVE. Upon His shoulders, all rests! (Isa 9) Indeed, may we all rest on those shoulders with the assurance that a Savior has been born for us who is Christ the Lord!

Wishing all the families of our Family 21 of Parishes – Blessed Trinity, Ss. Columba-Brigid, St. Lawrence and St. Martin de Porres – the Blessings of the Holy Family.

May the birth and new life we celebrate continue to keep us sure-footed on the path of our Road to Renewal and moving forward by the light of a Star! Prayers for a Merry Christmas, for Peace, Hope, Joy & Love, everyone!! ~ Fr. Bob

Karen's Corner... A Holiday Blessing

Much love, happiness, joy and peace to you. Love of family, happiness for memories, joy for new beginnings and peace in your heart. Merry Christmas to you. Happy Birthday Jesus!